



State of Arizona
Department of Education

SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 21-015

TO: Charter School Administrators, Directors, and Principals

FROM: Charlie Martin, Deputy Associate Superintendent of School Finance

DATE: September 1, 2020

SUBJECT: 9/1/2020 Basic Calculation for Equalization Assistance Report (CHAR 55-1) and Equalization Assistance Detail Report (CHAR 64-1)

The September 1, 2020 charter apportionment is complete. The CHAR55-1 and the CHAR64-1 equalization assistance reports for charters are posted on each charter school's home page of the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) [School Finance website](#). If assistance is required for finding or viewing these reports, please contact the ADE IT Technology Support team at (602) 542-7378 or toll free at (866) 577-9636.

Most eligible charters were paid based on FY21 ACE results as of August 11, 2020; 190+ charters were paid based on their Charter Estimated Counts as of July 13, 2020. If the charter has any concerns or questions regarding the student counts, please contact the Account Analyst team by creating a ticket at <http://helpdeskeexternal.azed.gov/>

Important Notes:

- **CAA Reduction:** Charter Additional Assistance reduction \$3,407,200, per House Bill 2902 has been recalculated, and was included by the September 1st payment. (CHAR64-1 report)
- **SSW Adjustment:** Preliminary Small School Weight adjustment was included by the August 3rd payment. (CHAR64-1 report)
- **K-3 Reading:** Per A.R.S 15-211, Each school district and charter school shall annually submit to the department of education on or before October 1 an updated K-3 reading program plan that includes data on program expenditures and results, except that beginning in fiscal year 2016-2017, a school district or charter school that is assigned a letter grade of A or B pursuant to section 15-241 shall submit this plan only in odd-numbered years. Those who do not need to submit a plan this year have had the funding included in the August 3, 2020 apportionment. For questions on the timing of your Board approval, please contact the Move On When Reading department at MoveOnWhenReading@azed.gov
- **FY2020 Statewide Recalculation:** The Fiscal Year 2020 Statewide Equalization Recalculation has been completed. The positive adjustments were included in the



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September 1st payment as lump sum adjustments through the CHAR 64-1 report. The negative adjustments will be included in the October 1st payment and will be taken over the entire fiscal year, 3/12ths taken in October and 1/12th each payment thereafter.

For any questions regarding the September 1, 2020 charter equalization calculation, please email SFPaymentTeam@azed.gov. Please contact the Account Analyst team for any questions about your estimated counts or other required student information, by creating a ticket at <http://helpdeskexternal.azed.gov/>